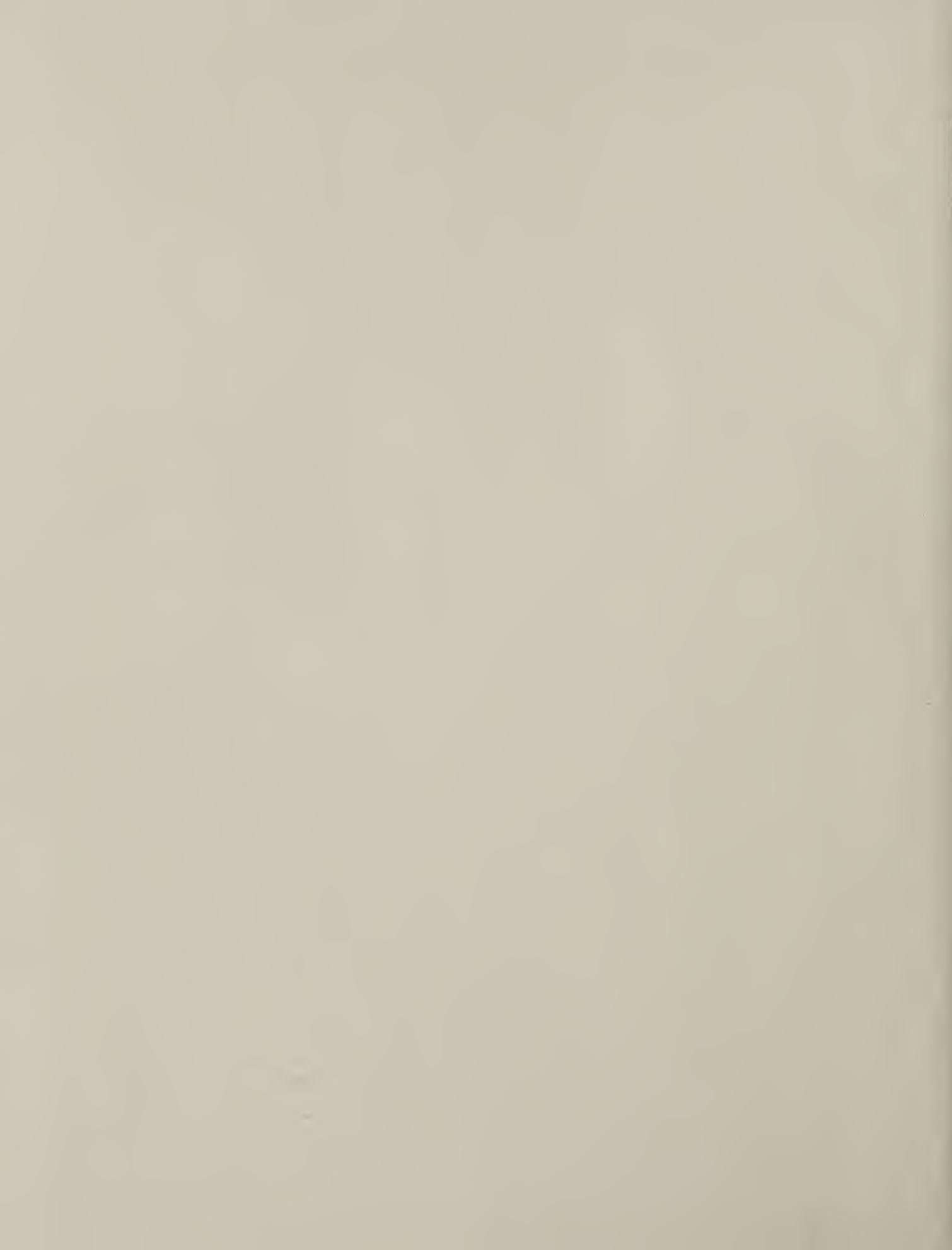


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Ohio

This outline describes major sources of information about families from Ohio. As you read this outline, study the *United States Research Outline* (30972), which will help you understand the terminology in and the contents and uses of the genealogical records.

RECORDS OF THE FAMILY HISTORY LIBRARY™

The Family History Library has many of the records described in this outline. The library's major holdings include vital, probate, land, and census records for each of Ohio's 88 counties. The library has records on microfilm from each county courthouse and other materials from the Ohio Network of American History Research Centers.

Some of the sources described in this outline list the Family History Library's books, microfilm, and microfiche. These are preceded by *FHL*, the abbreviation for *Family History Library*. These numbers may be used to locate materials in the library and to order microfilm and microfiche at Family History Centers™.

FAMILY HISTORY LIBRARY CATALOG™

The library's records are listed in the Family History Library Catalog™ found at the library and at each Family History Center. To find a record, look in the Locality Search of the catalog for:

- The *place* where your ancestor lived, such as:
UNITED STATES - CENSUS RECORDS
OHIO - MILITARY RECORDS
OHIO, ALLEN - VITAL RECORDS
OHIO, ALLEN, ALLENTOWN - CEMETERIES
- The *record type* you want to search for, such as:
UNITED STATES - **CENSUS RECORDS**
OHIO - **MILITARY RECORDS**
OHIO, ALLEN - **VITAL RECORDS**
OHIO, ALLEN, ALLENTOWN - **CEMETERIES**

The section headings in this outline match the names of record types used in the Family History Library Catalog.

ARCHIVES AND LIBRARIES

The archives, libraries, and societies listed below have collections or services to assist researchers.

- Ohio Historical Society
Ohio Historical Center
1982 Velma Avenue
Columbus, OH 43211-2497
Telephone: 614-297-2510
Fax: 614-297-2546

A useful guide to this collection is:

Lentz, Andrea D., ed. *A Guide to Manuscripts at the Ohio Historical Society*. Columbus: The Ohio Historical Society, 1972. (FHL book 977.1 A3ohs.)

A description of sources at the Society is also included in:

Mettle, Suzanne Wolfe, et al., comps.
Genealogical Researcher's Manual with Special References for Using the Ohio Historical Society Library. Columbus: Franklin County Chapter, Ohio Genealogical Society, 1981. (FHL book 977.1 D27g.)

- National Archives—Great Lakes Region
7358 S. Pulaski Road
Chicago, IL 60629
Telephone: 312-581-7816
Fax: 312-353-1294

For information about their holdings, see:

Szucs, Loretto Dennis and Sandra Hargreaves
Luebking. *The Archives: A Guide to National Archives Field Branches*. Salt Lake City: Ancestry, 1988. (FHL book 973 A3sz.)

- Ohio Genealogical Society
34 Sturges Avenue
P.O. Box 2625
Mansfield, OH 44906-0625
Telephone: 419-522-9077
Fax: 419-522-0224

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Almost every county in Ohio has a branch of the OGS that actively collects, preserves, and publishes local records.

- State Library of Ohio
Genealogical Section
65 South Front Street Rm 308
Columbus, OH 43215-4163
Telephone: 614-644-6966
Fax: 614-728-2789
A guide to the collection is:
County by County in Ohio Genealogy. Columbus:
The State Library, 1978. (FHL book 977.1
D23o; fiche 6046719.)
- Western Reserve Historical Society
10825 East Boulevard
Cleveland, OH 44106-1788
Telephone: 216-721-5722
Fax: 216-721-0645
A guide to the holdings is:
Pike, Kermit J. *A Guide to the Manuscripts and
Archives of the Western Reserve Historical
Society*. Cleveland: The Western Reserve
Historical Society, 1972. (FHL book 977.1
A3p.)
Also see:
Western Reserve Historical Society. History
Library. *Card Catalog to the Manuscripts
Collection in the Library of the Western Reserve
Historical Society*. Salt Lake City, Utah:
Genealogical Society of Utah, 1974. (FHL films
934566-69; 934617-18.)
- Bowling Green State University
Center for Archival Collections
Jerome Library
Bowling Green, OH 43403-0175
Telephone: 419-372-2411
Fax: 419-372-0155
- Ohio University
Archives and Special Collections
Alden Library
Athens, OH 45701-2978
Telephone: 614-593-2710
Fax: 614-593-0138
- University of Cincinnati
Archives Department
Blegen Library
Cincinnati, OH 45221-0113
Telephone: 513-556-1959
Fax: 513-556-2113
- Wright State University
Special Collections and Archives
Paul Laurence Dunbar Library
Dayton, OH 45435-0001
Telephone: 937-775-2092
Fax: 937-775-4109
- Youngstown Historical Center of Industry and
Labor
Archives-Library
P.O. Box 533
151 West Wood St.
Youngstown, OH 44501
Telephone: 330-743-5934
Fax: 330-743-2999
This archives is a center for the Ohio Historical
Society.
- The Ohio Network of American History Research
Centers collects Ohio records such as newspapers,
printed materials, and most local government
records. Each regional center collects materials
from specific counties and maintains an inventory
of each county's records. An inventory of each
center's holdings as of 1977 is in:
Ohio Historical Society. *Abstract of Ohio County
Records Inventory, 1803-1977*. Columbus, Ohio:
Ohio Historical Society, 1977. (Not available at
the Family History Library.)
The network includes the following institutions:
Bowling Green State University, Ohio Historical
Society, Ohio University, University of Akron,
University of Cincinnati, Western Reserve
Historical Society, Wright State University, and
Youngstown Historical Center of Industry and
Labor.
In the early 1940s the Historical Records Survey
produced inventories of county courthouses and
archives. These describe the existing records and
record-keeping systems. The Family History Library
has copies of these inventories for about 30 of the
88 counties in Ohio. These are listed in the Locality
Search of the Family History Library Catalog under:
OHIO, [COUNTY] - ARCHIVES AND
LIBRARIES - INVENTORIES, REGISTERS,
CATALOGS
You may also learn about research sources in:
Larson, David R., ed. *Guide to Manuscript
Collections and Institutional Records in Ohio*.
N.p.: Society of Ohio Archivists, 1974. (FHL book
977.1 A34s.)
Yon, Paul D. *Guide to Ohio County and Municipal
Records for Urban Research*. Columbus: Ohio
Historical Society, 1973. (FHL book 977.1 A3y;
fiche 6051197.)
*Directory of Museums, Historical Societies, and
Associated Organizations in Ohio*. 17th ed.
Granville, Ohio: Ohio Association of Historical
Societies and Museums, 1981. (FHL book 977.1
C4di 1981-82.)

Computer Networks and Bulletin Boards

Computers with modems are important tools for obtaining information from selected archives and libraries. In a way, computer networks themselves serve as a library. The Internet, certain computer bulletin boards, and commercial on-line services help family history researchers:

- Locate other researchers
- Post queries
- Send and receive E-mail
- Search large databases
- Search computer libraries
- Join in computer chat and lecture sessions

You can find computerized research tips and information about ancestors from Ohio in a variety of sources at local, state, national, and international levels. The list of sources is growing rapidly. Most of the information is available at no cost.

Addresses on the Internet change frequently. As of April 1997, the following sites are important gateways linking you to many more network and bulletin board sites:

- USGenWeb
<http://www.usgenweb.com/>
A cooperative effort by many volunteers to list genealogical databases, libraries, bulletin boards, and other resources available on the Internet for each county, state, and country.
- Roots-L
<http://www.rootsweb.com/roots-l/usa/>
A useful list of sites and resources. Includes a large, regularly updated research coordination list.

For further details about using computer networks, bulletin boards, and news groups for family history research, see the *United States Research Outline* (30972), 2nd ed., "Archives and Libraries" section of this outline.

FamilySearch®

The Family History Library and some Family History Centers have computers with FamilySearch®. FamilySearch is a collection of computer files containing several million names. FamilySearch is a good place to begin your research. Some of the records come from compiled sources; some have been automated from original sources.

Computers with FamilySearch do *not* have access to computer on-line services, networks, or bulletin boards. However, those services are available at many public libraries, college libraries, and private locations.

BIBLE RECORDS

The State Library of Ohio has a collection of Bible records transcribed by the Ohio Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR). Many of these are included in the *Genealogical Collection*, described in the "Genealogy" section of this outline. Some transcripts of DAR Bible records are in:

Short, Mrs. Don R. and Mrs. Denver Eller. *Ohio Bible Records*. 2 vols. 1971. Reprint, Fort Wayne, Ind.: Allen County Public Library, 1983. (FHL book 977.1 D2sd; fiche 6051387.)

Many periodicals publish family data from Bible records. These are referenced in the *PERiodical Source Index (PERSI)*, described in the "Periodicals" section of this outline.

The Ohio Genealogical Society maintains an every-name card index to all Bible record transcripts in their possession.

Transcriptions of Bible records are listed in the Locality Search of the Family History Library Catalog under:

OHIO - BIBLE RECORDS

OHIO, [COUNTY] - BIBLE RECORDS

OHIO, [COUNTY], [TOWN] - BIBLE RECORDS

BIOGRAPHY

Biographies provide useful genealogical information such as an individual's date of birth and marriage; family members; occupation; education; military service information; family migration; social, political, and religious affiliation. Examples include:

Upton, Harriet Taylor. *History of the Western Reserve*. 3 vols. Chicago: Lewis Publishing, 1910. (FHL book 977.13 H2u; films 934867-68.) It provides extensive biographies and many portraits. The index to the book is:

An Every-Name Index to the History of the Western Reserve. Mentor, Ohio: Lake County Chapter, OGS, 1988. (FHL book 977.13 H2u index 1988; fiche 6093927.)

Galbreath, Charles B. *History of Ohio*. 5 vols. Chicago: American Historical Society, 1925. (FHL book 977.1 H2ga; films 931797-801.) The last three volumes contain biographical sketches of prominent Ohio citizens.

An every-name card index to about 450,000 persons mentioned in the biographical sections of Ohio county histories is:

Ohio Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution, comp. *The Ohio Surname Index*. Columbus, Ohio: Ohio Historical Society, 1984. (FHL films 398201-64.)

The Family History Library has many biographical publications and histories with biographical information. They are generally listed in the Locality Search of the Family History Library Catalog under:

OHIO - BIOGRAPHY
OHIO, [COUNTY] - BIOGRAPHY
OHIO, [COUNTY] - HISTORY

CEMETERIES

Transcriptions of cemetery records compiled by local genealogical groups or individuals are available at the Family History Library for most counties in Ohio. For those records compiled by chapters of the Daughters of the American Revolution, see the "Genealogy" section of this outline.

The Family History Library also has microfilm copies of sexton and mortician records from some counties.

Some older cemetery lists have been reprinted in:

Ohio Cemetery Records: Extracted from the "*Old Northwest Genealogical Quarterly*." Baltimore, Md.: Genealogical Publishing, 1984. (FHL book 977.1 V3oh; film 1320550 item 15.)

Many eastern Ohio cemeteries are transcribed in *The Henry R. Baldwin Genealogical Records*, described in the "Genealogy" section of this outline. The first seven volumes are cemetery records.

Some Ohio cemetery records were copied by members of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. These records are found in:

Ohio Cemetery Records. Salt Lake City: Genealogical Society of Utah, 1972. (FHL films 873854 item 7 and 873855 items 2-3.)

Excellent sources for veterans' graves are mentioned in the "Military Records" section of this outline.

Locating Cemeteries and Transcripts

The known names and locations of Ohio cemeteries and information about published inscriptions are given in:

Smith, Maxine Hartmann, ed. *Ohio Cemeteries*. Mansfield, Ohio: Ohio Genealogical Society, 1978. (FHL book 977.1 V34o; fiche 6051415.)

Klaiber, Teresa L. M., ed. *Ohio Cemeteries Addendum*. Baltimore, Md.: Gateway Press, 1990. (FHL book 977.1 V36o supp.)

A county-by-county list of cemetery record transcripts available at the Family History Library as of 1988 is found in:

The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, Family History Library (Salt Lake City, Utah). *Index to United States Cemeteries*. Salt Lake City: Genealogical Society of Utah, 1988. (FHL films 1206468-94.) Films 1206485-86 include Ohio, among other states.

Periodicals have published inscriptions from many Ohio cemeteries. These are referenced in the *PERiodical Source Index (PERSI)*, described in the "Periodicals" section of this outline.

The Locality Search of the Family History Library Catalog lists more of these records under:

OHIO - CEMETERIES
OHIO, [COUNTY] - CEMETERIES
OHIO, [COUNTY], [TOWN] - CEMETERIES

CENSUS

Federal Censuses

Population Schedules. Federal census records are found at the Family History Library, the National Archives, and other federal and state archives. The *United States Research Outline* (30972) provides more detailed information regarding these records.

Federal censuses were taken every ten years, beginning in 1810 in Ohio. Returns for the 1810 and 1890 censuses were almost entirely destroyed. All that remains of the 1810 census are the returns for Washington County. Lists of territorial residents in 1800 also exist for Washington County. All that remains of the 1890 census are military schedules listing widows and pensioners from the Civil War.

Some early tax records have been compiled and indexed to substitute for the early censuses. One example is:

Jackson, Ronald Vern, ed. *Early Ohio Census Records*. 2nd ed. Bountiful, Utah: Accelerated Indexing Systems, 1974. (FHL book 977.1 X2p.)

Statewide indexes for the 1820, 1830, 1840, 1850, 1860, and 1880 censuses are available in book format. Soundex (phonetic) indexes are on microfilm for the 1880, 1900, 1910, and 1920 censuses. Be aware that the 1880 soundex index is incomplete and includes only those families with children born between 1870 and 1880. Either check the 1880 index in book format or search the actual census for the place where your ancestors lived.

County indexes to federal censuses sometimes help locate names overlooked or misspelled in statewide indexes. To locate county census indexes check the

Locality Search of the Family History Library Catalog under OHIO, [COUNTY] - CENSUS.

When indexes are not available or a name is omitted from an index you can still look for the name in the census. To find a person who lived in a large city, it helps to first find his or her address in the city directory for the same year as the census (see the "Directories" section of this outline). Then look for that address on the original census schedules.

The following reference tools help determine which census schedule microfilm and enumeration district to search for specific addresses:

Kirkham, E. Kay. *A Handy Guide to Record-Searching in the Larger Cities of the United States*. Logan, Utah: Everton, 1974. (FHL book 973 D27kc; fiche 6010059-60.) Includes ward maps and street indexes for Cincinnati, 1850 to 1855.

Census Descriptions of Geographic Subdivisions and Enumerations Districts.

- 1830 FHL film 1402857 item 1; computer number 299384
- 1840 FHL film 1402857 item 2; computer number 299385
- 1850 FHL film 1402858 item 1; computer number 299392
- 1860 FHL film 1402858 item 2; computer number 299393
- 1870 FHL film 1402859; computer number 299425
- 1880 FHL film 1402862; computer number 299426
- 1900 FHL film 1303025; computer number 117685
- 1910 FHL film 1374009; computer number 176643
- 1920 FHL film 1842715; computer number 687949

United States. Bureau of the Census. *Cross Index to Selected City Streets and Enumeration Districts, 1910 Census*. (51 FHL fiche 6331481; computer number 258163.) Often referred to as the *39 Cities Index*, it lists street addresses with corresponding census enumeration districts for Canton, Cleveland, Dayton, and Youngstown.

Mortality Schedules. Mortality schedules (lists of deaths in the year preceding the census) exist for the years 1850, 1860, 1870, and 1880. The 1850 schedule includes only counties beginning alphabetically with Hamilton through Wyandot. The 1860 schedule includes all counties, the 1870 includes only Seneca County, and the 1880 includes the counties Adams through Geauga. These records are available at the State Library of Ohio and at the Family History Library. Some have been indexed.

Master Indexes. Some of the indexes mentioned above are combined into one master index of several census years, states, and census types:

FamilyFinder™ Index and Viewer: Version 3.0.

[Novato, Calif.]: Brøderbund Software, 1995. (FHL compact disc no. 9 1995 index. Not available at Family History Centers.) It is a master index to Ohio tax lists for 1787 to 1819; Washington County for 1800, 1803, and 1810; federal censuses for 1820 to 1860 and 1880; and mortality schedules for 1850.

The FamilyFinder Index includes the following Jackson indexes:

Jackson, Ronald Vern. *AIS Microfiche Indexes of U.S. Census and Other Records*. Bountiful, Utah: Accelerated Indexing Systems International, 1984. (No FHL fiche number but available at many Family History Centers.) Early Ohio tax lists are combined together on Search 1. A composite mortality schedule index is on Search 8. Separate Ohio 1820, 1830, 1840, and 1850 indexes are on other searches.

Territorial and State Censuses

Microfilm numbers of Ohio territorial or state censuses are listed in the Locality Search of the Family History Library Catalog under OHIO - CENSUS - [YEAR]. They are also found in:

Buckway, G. Eileen. *U.S. State and Special Census Register*. Salt Lake City: Family History Library, The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, 1992. (FHL book 973 X2be 1992; fiche 6104851-52.) A complete list of the available records can be obtained from the Ohio Historical Society.

In some counties, town or county censuses taken by the state between 1798 and 1911 may supplement the federal census records. Among these are quadrennial enumerations which exist for a few counties and list males 21 years and older. The Family History Library has copies of most of these. These lists are also in local courthouses and in the Ohio Network of American History Research Centers, mentioned in the "Archives and Libraries" section of this outline.

CHURCH RECORDS

By 1900 the prominent denominations in Ohio were Roman Catholic, Methodist, and Presbyterian. There were also groups of Baptists, Lutherans, and Society of Friends. The following handbooks may help you locate and use church records:

Gill, Charles Otis, and Gifford Pinchot. *Six Thousand Country Churches*. New York, Macmillan, 1919. (FHL book 977.1 K2g; film 908228 item 2.)

Lubbers, Ferne Reedy, and Margaret Dieringer. *Advent of Religious Groups into Ohio*. N.p., 1978. (FHL book 977.1 K2a; film 1033939 item 21.)

While the majority of church records remain with the local churches, the Family History Library, Ohio Historical Society, and Western Reserve Historical Society have copies of local records from some churches. The Family History Library has film copies of the manuscript collection in the Western Reserve Historical Society. See *A Guide to Manuscripts at the Ohio Historical Society*, described in the "Archives and Libraries" section of this outline.

Many of the local church records available at the Family History Library have been microfilmed at various archives and libraries. Whenever possible, these are listed in the Family History Library Catalog under OHIO, [COUNTY], [TOWN] - CHURCH RECORDS. While no listing of Family History Library films by repository is available, the Family History Library Catalog identifies when and where each record was microfilmed.

Denominational histories for groups such as the Church of the Brethren, Evangelical, LDS (1830 to 1838), Lutheran, Mennonite, Methodist, Moravian, Presbyterian, and Roman Catholic are listed in the Locality Search of the Family History Library Catalog under OHIO - CHURCH HISTORY and OHIO, [COUNTY], [TOWN] - CHURCH HISTORY.

Lists of incorporations of churches before 1850 are included in:

Data Abstracted from the Laws of Ohio, 1803-1900. Salt Lake City, Utah: Genealogical Society of Utah, 1960. (FHL film 223918.)

Locating Church Records

Local church records are listed in the Locality Search of the Family History Library Catalog under OHIO, [COUNTY] - CHURCH RECORDS or OHIO, [COUNTY], [TOWN] - CHURCH RECORDS.

Statewide or regional records are listed under OHIO - CHURCH RECORDS. An example is:

Shaker Membership Card Index Salt Lake City, Utah: Genealogical Society of Utah, 1974. (FHL films 934620-23.)

Periodicals have published records of many Ohio churches. These are referenced in the *PERiodical*

Source Index (PERSI), described in the "Periodicals" section of this outline.

You may contact the following to learn where their records are located:

Baptist

North American Baptist
General Conference
7308 Madison Street
Forest Park, IL 60130

To learn more about Baptist records, see:

Eltscher, Susan M., comp. *The Records of American Baptists in Ohio, and Related Organizations*. Rochester, N.Y.: American Baptist Historical Society, 1981. (FHL book 977.1 A1 no. 239; fiche 6088732.) Cover title: *A Basic Guide to Regional Baptist Archives and Historical Resources for Ohio: Baptist Archives and Records Survey*.

Lutheran

Evangelical Lutheran Church in America (ELCA)
8765 West Higgins Road
Chicago, IL 60631-4198
Telephone: 773-380-2818

If a church is still active, the church will be able to help locate the records. The records of churches in the United States that have been disbanded are located at the ELCA Archives in Chicago. The archives has records of many congregations, and those on microfilm may be borrowed for a small fee. A partial list of church records in its collection is listed in:

ALC Archives. *ALC Congregations on Microfilm*. Dubuque, Iowa: The Archives, [197?]. (FHL fiche 6330690-93.) Arranged by the state and city in which the congregation resides. Fiche 6330692 includes Ohio. The ALC (American Lutheran Church) Archives are now part of the ELCA Archives.

Methodist

Methodist Historical Commission
Ohio Wesleyan University
Delaware, OH 43015

United Methodist Church
601 W. Riverview Avenue
Dayton, OH 45406

For additional help in locating Methodist records, see:

Harter, Frances D. *Guide to the Manuscript Collection of Early Ohio Methodism: United Methodist Church of Ohio*. Delaware, Ohio: United Methodist Archives Center, 1980. (FHL book 977.1 K23h; fiche 6017063.)

For information on Methodist ministers in Ohio, see:

United Methodist Archives (Ohio). *Methodist Ministers Card Index: All Ohio Conferences, 1797-1981*. Columbus, Ohio: Ohio Historical Society, 1982. (FHL film 1292563-66.)

Presbyterian

Presbyterian Historical Society
425 Lombard Street
Philadelphia, PA 19147-1516
Telephone: 215-627-1852

The Family History Library has numerous records of local churches in Ohio. They were microfilmed at the Presbyterian Historical Society in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. Also filmed there is:

Shane Manuscript Collection. Salt Lake City, Utah: Genealogical Society of Utah, 1966-1967. (On 36 FHL films beginning with 498614.) The collection includes papers of some Ohio Presbyterian churches and ministers.

For inventories of Presbyterian churches and their records, see:

Historical Records Survey (Ohio). *Inventory of the Church Archives of Ohio Presbyterian Churches*. Salt Lake City, Utah: Genealogical Society of Utah, 1972. (FHL films 854488, 899320-22.) Inventories are arranged alphabetically by county. Volume one includes indexes by place names, church names, and date of organization. Information was collected about the records, history, buildings, and clergymen.

Historical Records Survey (Ohio). *Inventory of the Church Archives of Ohio Presbyterian Churches*. Salt Lake City, Utah: Genealogical Society of Utah, 1967. (FHL films 506375-80.) This may contain information that is not included in the previous inventory. Records are listed alphabetically by counties.

Roman Catholic

Archdiocese of Cincinnati
Chancery
100 E. Eighth Street
Cincinnati, OH 45202
Telephone: 513-421-3131
Fax: 513-421-6225

Diocese of Columbus
Chancery Office
198 East Broad Street
Columbus, OH 43215
Telephone: 614-224-2251
614-224-8718 (Sat., Sun., and after hours)
Fax: 614-224-6306

Diocese of Cleveland
Chancery Building
1027 Superior Ave.
Cleveland, OH 44114
Telephone: 216-696-6525
800-869-6525 (Ohio only)
Fax: 216-621-7332

Diocese of Steubenville
422 Washington Street
P.O. Box 969
Steubenville, OH 43952
Telephone: 614-282-3631
Fax: 614-282-3327

Diocese of Toledo
Chancery
P.O. Box 985
Toledo, OH 43697-0985
Telephone: 419-244-6711
Fax: 419-244-4791

Diocese of Youngstown
Chancery Office
144 West Wood Street
Youngstown, OH 44503
Telephone: 216-744-8451
Fax: 216-744-8451/744-2848

Society of Friends

Ohio Yearly Meeting of the Society of Friends
Olney Friends School
61830 Sandy Ridge Road
Barnesville, OH 43713
Telephone: 614-425-3655
Fax: 614-425-3202

Evangelical Friends Church, Eastern Division
5350 Broadmoor Circle, N.W.
Canton, OH 44709
Telephone: 330-493-1660
Fax: 330-493-0852

The Family History Library has microfilm copies of the Quaker records from Wilmington College, Wilmington, Ohio and from the Friends Historical Library of Swarthmore College, Swarthmore, Pennsylvania.

COURT RECORDS

Court records include record books, dockets, bonds, journals, petitions, minutes, final records, case files, and so forth. They contain many primary source materials that are useful for genealogical research. The Family History Library has many Ohio court records. Additional records are available at county courthouses, the Ohio Historical Society, and the National Archives—Great Lakes Region. Major

courts that kept records of genealogical value were established as follows:

- 1787- **Courts of common pleas** have districtwide pres. jurisdiction over felonies, marriages, major civil cases, juvenile matters, probates until 1852, naturalizations until 1860 and after 1906, chancery matters until 1900, and divorces until 1894. The Family History Library has copies of some of the common pleas records, such as Cuyahoga County journals for 1823 to 1852.
- 1787- **Supreme Court** is a statewide appellate pres. court. It originally had jurisdiction over common law and chancery matters.
- 1787- **Probate court** has handled
1802, guardianship, general probate, land
1852- sales, a few divorces, and
pres. naturalizations.
- 1800s- **County, municipal, mayor, justice of the peace, and police courts** have kept records with some genealogical value.
- 1851- **District courts** have countywide jurisdiction
1883 over civil and criminal cases, including chancery and divorces. The Family History Library has some district court records, such as Lake County records for 1845 to 1884.
- 1883- **Circuit courts** have countywide jurisdiction
1912 over civil and criminal records, including equity and divorce. They have been replaced by **courts of appeal**. The Family History Library has some circuit court records.

There is often an overlapping of jurisdiction since newer courts have been established. Therefore all court records should be checked for those periods.

For more information about court records and procedures, see:

Marshall, Carrington Tanner, ed. *A History of the Courts and Lawyers of Ohio*. New York: American Historical Society, 1934. 4 vols. (FHL book 977.1 P3ma.)

Court records are listed in the Family History Library Catalog Locality Search under:

OHIO - COURT RECORDS

OHIO, [COUNTY] - COURT RECORDS

OHIO, [COUNTY], [CITY] - COURT RECORDS

DIRECTORIES

City and county directories can be used with census records and as a substitute for census records and other genealogical sources. They can be used for locating a person, particularly in large cities, and for studying a person's migration pattern. They may

give clues to when a person died or moved from the area. City and rural directories are alphabetically arranged by surname and are often published annually. The publication of directories began in the early nineteenth century and continues to the present time. Directories list heads of households and employed household members, occupations, and addresses. Wives' names are given in some directories, and sometimes their date of death may be given. Local information such as names and locations of churches, schools, business firms, and street guides may also be included in the directories.

Directories of heads of households have been published for major cities in Ohio. The Family History Library has a large collection of directories for about 30 cities in Ohio. Local libraries and the Ohio Historical Society also have collections of directories.

Directories are listed in the Locality Search of the Family History Library Catalog under OHIO, [COUNTY] - DIRECTORIES for county directories and under OHIO, [COUNTY], [CITY] - DIRECTORIES for city directories.

EMIGRATION AND IMMIGRATION

The "Emigration and Immigration" section of the *United States Research Outline* (30972) lists several important sources for finding information about immigrants. These nationwide sources include many references to people who settled in Ohio. The *Tracing Immigrant Origins Research Outline* (34111) introduces the principles, search strategies, and additional record types you can use to identify an immigrant ancestor's original hometown.

Prestatehood settlers of Ohio generally came from Pennsylvania, Virginia, New York, Connecticut, Maryland, and New Jersey. Most of the early settlements were along the Ohio River and other waterways. By 1850, immigrants from Germany, Ireland, and England traveled on Zanes's Trace, the National Road, various canals, and Indian trails. One "story map" of Ohio during the period of the American Revolution is:

Ohio, Trailways to Highways 1776-1976. Salt Lake City, Utah: Genealogical Society of Utah, 1977. (FHL film 1015821 item 2.)

An illustrated explanation of the migrations to Ohio based on the 1850 census is:

Wilhelm, Hubert G. H. *The Origin and Distribution of Settlement Groups*. Athens, Ohio: Ohio University, 1982. (FHL book 977.1 W2o; fiche 6093835.)

The Western Reserve in northeast Ohio was heavily settled by New Englanders. Settlers in the Virginia

Military District of southwest Ohio were mostly from Virginia and Kentucky. Scotch-Irish and Germans settled in the east and south part of Ohio, and the Irish most often settled in cities. The Germans tended to choose farms in rural areas. Many immigrants from England, France, Canada, Wales, and Scotland moved to Ohio between 1850 and 1880. In 1880, 15 percent of Ohio's people were foreign born. Until 1914, Italians, Russian Jews, Slovenes, Hungarians, and Poles were attracted to Cleveland and cities in northeastern Ohio. Today, about 10 percent of Ohio's population is African American.

Railroads were in Ohio by the 1830s. Ohio's population tripled between 1820 and 1840 but only increased by about 50 percent from 1840 to 1860.

Although Ohio had ports of entry on Lake Erie, no passenger lists for ships are available. The majority of the immigrants arrived through eastern ports (New York, Boston, Philadelphia, Baltimore) and New Orleans. The library has records for each of these ports from 1820 to about 1920 or later. Philadelphia records start in 1800. Records of persons coming from Canada to the United States were not recorded until 1895. For records after 1895, see "Canadian Border Crossings, 1895-1954" in the "Emigration and Immigration" section of the *United States Research Outline* (30972).

Records and books on the Irish, Germans, Blacks, and American Indians are listed in the Family History Library Catalog under OHIO - MINORITIES. Records of small groups of Alsatians, Russians, Norwegians, and Welsh are listed under OHIO - EMIGRATION AND IMMIGRATION.

GAZETTEERS

Gazetteers list geographical names such as towns, settlements, rivers, mountains, villages, and districts. They identify these locations and sometimes give details concerning them. Several gazetteers of Ohio have been published. One of the most valuable sources for finding the names of early towns and geographical features is:

Kilbourn, John. *The Ohio Gazetteer*. 8th ed.
Columbus: J. Kilbourn, 1826. (FHL book 977.1 E5k; films 823667 item 1 and 476928 item 2.)

Another major reference source for identifying Ohio localities is:

Miller, Larry L. *Ohio Place Names*. Bloomington, Ind.: Indiana University Press, c. 1996. (FHL book 977.1 E2m.)

Geographical sources can be found in the Locality Search of the Family History Library Catalog under:

OHIO - GAZETTEERS
OHIO - NAMES, GEOGRAPHICAL

GENEALOGY

Most archives, historical societies, and genealogical societies have special collections and indexes of genealogical value. These must usually be searched in person. Some important collections of compiled Ohio genealogies are:

Daughters of the American Revolution (Ohio).

Genealogical Collection. Salt Lake City, Utah: Genealogical Society of Utah, 1970. (On 76 FHL films beginning with 862012.) It is arranged by county, and many volumes have individual indexes. This collection consists of transcripts of Bible, cemetery, church, marriage, death, obituary, and probate records.

Women's Department, Cleveland Centennial Commission, comp. *Genealogical Data Relating to Women in the Western Reserve Before 1840 (1850)*. Columbus, Ohio: Ohio Historical Society, 1973. (FHL films 1009031-32; fiche 6087501.) This is a collection of information about pioneer women who lived in the Western Reserve prior to 1850.

Baldwin, Henry R. *The Henry R. Baldwin Genealogical Records*. 67 vols. Fort Wayne, Ind.: Allen County Public Library, 1983. (FHL book 977.1 D2bh; fiche 6051349.) It includes church, military, cemetery, court, and family data from eastern Ohio during 1867 to 1913. An every-name index to this collection is:

Public Library of Youngstown and Mahoning County, comp. *Index to the Henry R. Baldwin Genealogical Records*. Fort Wayne, Ind.: Allen County Public Library, 1983. (FHL book 977.1 D2bh index; fiche 6051339.)

Ohio Genealogical Society, *First Families of Ohio*. Bowling Green, Ohio: Center for Archival Collections, 1992, 1994. (On 81 FHL films beginning with 1912772.) Members of the Ohio Genealogical Society are submitting compiled family information in order to join First Families of Ohio. The collection consists of many types of vital information, including birth certificates, marriage records, and tombstone inscriptions.

Ohio Society Colonial Dames XVII Century, *Our Ancestor's Families*. N.p.: The Society, 1988. (FHL book 977.1 D2o.) The volume contains over 1,000 pages of indexed ancestor charts.

Other genealogical records of Ohio can be found in the Locality Search of the Family History Library Catalog under OHIO - GENEALOGY or OHIO, [COUNTY] - GENEALOGY.

HISTORY

The following are important dates in the history of Ohio that affected political boundaries, record keeping, and family movements:

- 1763 The British took possession of the area but discouraged settlers.
- 1787 The United States government established the Northwest Territory with the intent to open the land to Revolutionary War veterans and other settlers.
- 1788 The first permanent white settlement was established at Marietta.
- 1803 Ohio gained statehood.
- 1810- Many more settlers came by steamboat on the Ohio River and Lake Erie and by new canals, roads, and railroads.
- 1840
- 1861- 310,000 Ohio men served in the Union armed forces during the Civil War.
- 1865

Several multivolume histories of Ohio were written between 1890 and 1945. Two examples are:

Howe, Henry. *Historical Collections of Ohio*. . . . 2 vols. N.p.: The State of Ohio, 1908, c1888. (FHL book 977.1 H2hh 1908; film 1698149 item 5.) The set has been produced by a number of publishers since 1847. Many editions exist. An index to this book is:

Day, Sandra H., comp. *Index to Howe's Historical Collections of Ohio*. Wintersville, Ohio: S.H. Day, 1987-89. (FHL book 977.1 H22d; fiche 6088090.)

Wittke, Carl F., ed. *The History of the State of Ohio*. 6 vols. Columbus, Ohio: The Society, 1941-1944. (FHL book 977.1 H2wi.)

You may want to study local histories for areas such as the Maumee, Miami, Hocking, Muskingum, Scioto, and Mahoning Valleys.

A bibliography of local histories is:

Adams, Marilyn, comp. *Ohio Local and Family History Sources in Print*. Clarkston, Ga.: Heritage Research, 1984. (FHL book 977.1 H23o.)

For an every-name index to the biographical sections of Ohio county histories, see the *Ohio Surname Index*, described in the "Biography" section of this outline.

Histories are listed in the Locality Search of the Family History Library Catalog under:

OHIO - HISTORY
OHIO, [COUNTY] - HISTORY
OHIO, [COUNTY], [TOWN] - HISTORY

LAND AND PROPERTY

Land in Ohio was transferred to private ownership by state and federal land grants. This was the first public domain land ever made available for private ownership. The rectangular land survey system (section, township, and range), established by the Land Ordinance of 1785, was first applied to federal land grants in Ohio.

Prior to the Northwest Ordinance of 1787, the colonies of Connecticut, Virginia, New York, and Massachusetts all had claim on land that is now part of Ohio. Only Virginia and Connecticut continued to claim specific areas of Ohio land after 1787.

Federal Land Grants

The Ohio Company First Purchase. This land was sold by the Continental Congress to an association of former officers and soldiers of the Revolutionary War from Massachusetts and nearby areas. *The Ohio Company Second Purchase*, made in 1792, was acquired by redeeming military bounty land warrants obtained by the association. Original records of the Ohio Company of Associates are in the custody of Marietta College, Dawes Memorial Library, Marietta, Ohio.

The Donation Tract. One hundred-acre parcels were offered to legal-age males who would occupy the land immediately, thus becoming a buffer between the Indians and those settling on the *Ohio Company Purchases*. Deeds were issued by the Ohio Company of Associates until 1818, when the Marietta Land Office obtained jurisdiction of unclaimed lands.

Symmes Purchase or Miami Purchase. Purchased partly with military bounty land warrants, the survey for this land was done privately and does not conform to the United States rectangular survey system. Symmes and many of the first settlers in this area came from New Jersey or had ties to New Jersey.

The United States Military District. Ohio land was granted to soldiers from any state who served in the Continental Army during the Revolutionary War. The tracts were 4,000 acres each, yet military bounty land warrants allowed between 100 acres for a soldier and 1,100 acres for a major general. Since few people could buy the remaining thousands of acres, some pooled warrants and subdivided their tract among themselves. Others sold their warrants to land speculators.

Moravian Indian Grants. The United Brethren Church was issued the grant as trustee for Indian converts who sustained great losses in 1782.

French Grants. Lands were granted to 101 Frenchmen who bought land by the Scioto Company, which had no land to sell legally.

Refugee Tract. Lands were granted to refugees from Canada who came to the Colonies before 4 July 1776 and who aided the cause of the Colonies during the Revolutionary War.

Congress Lands. Tracts of 320 acres were purchased by individuals. Because buyers paid 25 percent in cash and had four years to pay the balance, the property was exempt from taxes for the first five years after being purchased.

The first land offices to sell Congress lands were established in 1800. When land in one district was almost completely distributed, the few parcels left were sold by a new land office that had opened up further west. Arranged by first year of operation, the federal land offices in Ohio were located in Steubenville, 1800 to 1840; Marietta, 1800 to 1840; Chillicothe, 1801 to 1876; Cincinnati, 1801 to 1840; Zanesville, 1804 to 1840; Canton, 1808 to 1816; Wooster, 1816 to 1840; Delaware, 1820 to 1828; Piqua, 1820 to 1833; Tiffin, 1828 to 1832; Bucyrus, 1832 to 1842; Wapakoneta, 1833 to 1835; Lima, 1835 to 1843; Marion, 1837 to 1845; Upper Sandusky, 1843 to 1848; and Defiance, 1848 to 1855.

The Between the Miamis Survey or Ludlow's Survey. Though surveyed by the federal government, these lands continued the unorthodox survey system used in the adjoining Symmes Purchase, mentioned above.

Federal Grants to the State were given for various purposes. Grants were given for school, swamp, ministerial, canal, wagon road or turnpike, and university lands. Grants were also given for salt reservations and other purposes. Acts of the Ohio State Legislature determined how these lands were used, granted or sold.

State Land Grants

Virginia Military District was surveyed in 1787, and the first patent was issued in 1796. Bounty land warrants issued for military service in Virginia during the Revolutionary War or the French and Indian Wars were redeemed for land in Kentucky or in this district of Ohio. The first owners may not have been from Virginia and may not have been soldiers, since warrants could be inherited, sold, or legally assigned. Lands were described by metes and bounds in this district and are identified in deeds, tax lists, and other records by the original survey number assigned to each parcel. Original records for this district are found at the National Archives—Suitland Branch; the Bureau of Land

Management, Springfield, Virginia; the [Ohio] Auditor of State's Land Office (address to follow); and the Ohio Historical Society.

Connecticut Western Reserve was sold to the Connecticut Land Company in 1795. The land was divided into shares in 1798. The Connecticut State Library and the Western Reserve Historical Library, described in the "Archives and Libraries" section of this outline, have extensive collections pertaining to the Western Reserve and the Fire Lands.

Fire Lands or Sufferers Lands. In 1781, nine towns in Connecticut were destroyed by the British. These lands in the west end of the Western Reserve were granted by Connecticut to the sufferers, their heirs, or assignees. Land was partitioned in 1808. See *The Firelands Pioneer*. Norwalk, Ohio: Firelands Historical Society, 1858-1878. (FHL book 977.1 B2f; film 1320962 items 1-13, vols. 1-13; book 977.1 B2f index 1858-1937; film 1320941 item 1; Obituary index, book 977.1 B2f index supp. 1857-1909, fiche 6088685.)

The following publications discuss the development of the various land districts in more detail:

Dyer, Albion Morris. *First Ownership of Ohio Lands*. Boston: New England Historic Genealogical Society, 1911. (FHL book 977.1 R21d; film 833375.) Reprint, Baltimore: Genealogical Publishing, 1969. (FHL book 977.1 R21d 1969; film 908281 item 7.)

Hutchinson, William Thomas. *The Bounty Lands of the American Revolution in Ohio*. New York: Arno Press, 1979. (FHL book 977.1 R2h.) Interesting chapter titles include "The public domain as an instrument of war," "From warrant to patent for the Virginia Military District and the United States Military District," and "The UNmilitary United States Military District."

Peters, William Edwards. *Ohio Lands and Their History*. 3rd. ed. Ann Arbor, Michigan: U.M.I., Out-of-Print Books on Demand, 1991. (FHL book 977.1 H2pw.)

Petro, Jim. *Ohio Lands: A Short History*. [Columbus], Ohio: Ohio Auditor of State, 1994. (FHL book 977.1 A1 no. 645; a previous edition is on film 908043 item 6 and fiche 6051236.) This booklet is free from the auditor of state.

Sherman, Christopher E. *Original Ohio Land Subdivisions*. Vol. 3, Final Report: Ohio Cooperative Topographic Survey. Columbus, Ohio: Ohio Dept. of Natural Resources. Division of Geological Survey, 1982. (FHL book 977.1 R2she 1982; previous edition on film 896753 item 2.) This includes detailed maps

Land Grant Records

Ohio. Auditor of State. *Canal Lands*. Salt Lake City, Utah: Genealogical Society of Utah, 1959. (On 50 FHL films beginning with 182671.) Includes leases (1832-1936), sales (1801-1851), and other papers. Many papers are arranged by section, range, and township.

Ohio. Auditor of State. *Miscellaneous Lands*. Columbus, Ohio; Salt Lake City, Utah: Columbus Microfilm, Inc., 1995: Genealogical Society of Utah, 1954-1958. (On 23 FHL films beginning with 196135.)

Ohio. Auditor of State. *Plats to U.S. Lands in Ohio but not Including Virginia Military District, Connecticut Western Reserve, Fire Lands, nor Symmes Purchase*. Salt Lake City: Genealogical Society of Utah, 1958. (On 10 films beginning with 182617 item 1; another filming on 6 FHL films beginning with 196198.)

Ohio. Auditor of State. *School Lands*. Salt Lake City, Utah: Genealogical Society of Utah, 1995. (On 52 FHL films beginning with 2022507 item 1.)

Ohio. Auditor of State. *Tract Books and Index for U.S. Lands in Ohio but not Including Virginia Military District, Connecticut Western Reserve, Fire Lands and Symmes Purchase*. Salt Lake City, Utah: Genealogical Society of Utah, 1955; Columbus, Ohio: Columbus Microfilm, 1995. (On 31 FHL films beginning with 1992722.)

Ohio. Auditor of State. *Virginia Military District Lands of Ohio; Indexes*. Salt Lake City, Utah: Genealogical Society of Utah, 1995, 1958. (On 33 FHL films beginning with 2022655 item 3.)

Ohio. Surveyor General. *Field Books to U.S. Lands in Ohio but not Including Virginia Military District, Connecticut Western Reserve, Fire Lands, nor Symmes Purchase*. Columbus, Ohio: Columbus Microfilm, 1954-1957. (On 90 FHL films beginning with 196228 item 7.) Arranged by section, range, and township.

United States. Bureau of Land Management. *Township Plats of Selected States*. Washington, D.C.: National Archives, 1979. (FHL films 1578331-397; Ohio is on films 1578384-388.) Many of these plats show their drainage, roads, trails, boundaries of private land claims, physical features, and the township and section lines.

United States. General Land Office. *U.S. Revolutionary War Bounty Land Warrants Used in the U.S. Military District of Ohio and Related Papers, Acts of 1788, 1803, 1806*. Washington, D.C.: The National Archives, 1971. (FHL films 1025141-56.) Contains land warrants dated 1789 to 1833 and related papers dated as late as 1880. The first film is an index to the collection.

United States. Land Office (Ohio). *Land Records of the Various Districts of Ohio*. Salt Lake City, Utah: Genealogical Society of Utah, 1958. (FHL films 182624-70.) Registers of receipts, certificates, and entries for various land offices in Ohio, 1788 to 1876. Most are in chronological order of the transaction. Records contain the name of the purchaser, date of transaction, description of the land, and sometimes the residence of the purchaser and other information. Most volumes are not indexed by name.

Since Ohio officials had an interest in tracking the owner of Ohio lands for taxing and other purposes, many records of federal land sales and grants, as well as those for Ohio, Virginia, and Connecticut, are in the custody of the Auditor of State's Land Office. Their collection includes copies of the plats of land distribution and the names of the original owners.

Ohio Land Office
Auditor of State
P.O. Box 1140
88 East Broad Street
Columbus, OH 43266-0040
Telephone: 614-466-4514
Fax: 614-466-6228

The National Archives—Suitland Branch has case files for federal cash and credit entries, homestead files, and military land warrants.

While most of the original records for the Virginia Military District are at the Library of Virginia in Richmond, the Family History Library has microfilm copies of much of their collection. These are listed in the Locality Search of the Family History Library Catalog under:

VIRGINIA - LAND AND PROPERTY
VIRGINIA - MILITARY RECORDS

Original records of the Connecticut Western Reserve and Firelands in Ohio are located at the office of the Connecticut Secretary of State. Check the Locality Search of the Family History Library Catalog under:

CONNECTICUT - LAND AND PROPERTY

Marietta College in Marietta, Ohio, has the Ohio Company records.

Indexes

Bell, Carol Willsey. *Ohio Lands, Steubenville Land Office, 1800-1820*. Youngstown, Ohio: C.W. Bell, 1983. (FHL book 977.1 R2b.)

Berry, Ellen Thomas, and David A. Berry, comps. *Early Ohio Settlers: Purchasers of Land in East and East Central Ohio, 1800-1840*. Baltimore, Maryland: Genealogical Publishing, 1989. (FHL book 977.1 R22b 1989.) This includes the Zanesville and Steubenville Land Offices. The years 1800 to 1820 are not included for Steubenville, since those years were covered by Carol Willsey Bell's book.

Berry, Ellen Thomas, and David A. Berry, comps. *Early Ohio Settlers: Purchasers of Land in Southwestern Ohio, 1800-1840*. Baltimore: Genealogical Publishing, 1986. (FHL book 977.1 R22b 1986.) This indexes records of the Cincinnati Land Office.

Berry, Ellen Thomas, and David A. Berry, comps. *Early Ohio Settlers: Purchasers of Land in Southeastern Ohio, 1800-1840*. Baltimore: Genealogical Publishing, 1985. (FHL book 977.1 R22e.) Indexes records of the Marietta Land Office.

McMullin, Phillip W., ed. *Grassroots of America: A Computerized Index to the American State Papers: Land Grants and Claims 1789-1837 with Other Aids to Research (Government Document Serial Set Numbers 28 through 36)*. Greenville, S.C.: Southern Historical Press, 1994. (FHL book 973 R2ag index 1990; fiche 6051323 for 1972 edition.)

This work is an index to:

United States. Congress. *American State Papers, Class 8: Public Lands; Class 9, Claims: Documents, Legislative and Executive, of the Congress of the United States*. Greenville, S.C.: Southern Historical Press, 1994. 9 vols. (FHL book 973 R2ag 1994.)

A microfilm copy of the original papers is:

United States. Congress. *American State Papers: Documents, Legislative and Executive, of the Congress of the United States*. Salt Lake City, Utah; La Crosse, Wis.: Genealogical Society of Utah: Brookhaven Press, 1959, 1975, 1977. (On 29 FHL films beginning with 1631827.) These papers, relating to land disputes in Ohio and other states, 1789 to 1837, often list heirs of the original claimants.

Ohio. Auditor of State. *Governor's Deeds Card Index, 1833-1994*. Salt Lake City, Utah: Genealogical Society of Utah, 1995. (FHL films 2022287-90.) This is a name index of records available in the Auditor of State's Office.

Smith, Clifford Neal. *Federal Land Series*. 4 vols. Chicago: American Library Association, 1972. (FHL book 973 R33s; film 1598041 items 6-8; fiche 6087453.) This indexes names from Revolutionary War bounty land warrants and grants from the Virginia Military District.

United States, Department of the Interior, Bureau of Land Management. *Ohio, 1790-1905: Canadian Refugee, Cash, Homestead, United Brethren Patents, and Virginia Military Warrants*. Springfield, Va.: BLM Eastern States, 1996. (FHL compact disc no. 40). No circulation to Family History Centers. Contains information from approximately 94,000 patents issued for Ohio lands by the federal government. Covers many of the federal land grants and the Virginia Military District. Researchers can search for land title information through any of these six categories: land description, patentee name, patent authority, land office, certificate number, or county. Copies of original records identified through this source can be obtained from the National Archives. This source indexes and consolidates many records. State sources may be more complete, especially for early grants, because of their interest in tracking land sales for taxation and other purposes.

Additional indexes, printed sources, and records of original transfers of land from federal and state governments are found in the Locality Search of the Family History Library Catalog under:

OHIO - LAND AND PROPERTY
UNITED STATES - LAND AND PROPERTY

County Records

After land was transferred to private ownership, subsequent transactions were usually recorded at the county courthouse. Original documents were retained by the families, while abstracts of deeds, mortgages, leases, and a few land grant records were kept by the recorder of deeds in each county. Abstracts and indexes for these records are generally available at the county courthouse.

It is important to trace each parcel of land ever owned by an ancestor. The *acquisition* (that is, purchase or inheritance from individuals or grant, purchase, or warrant from government) may reveal a previous residence; may identify the names of parents, in-laws, or other relatives; or may provide clues to search other sources, such as military records. The *disposition* of each parcel may identify heirs or reveal an ancestor's next residence. Witnesses and neighbors may be relatives or friends. Searching their records could give facts about the ancestor.

The Family History Library has microfilm copies of most land records from the earliest transactions from the 1790s to the 1880s or later. Land records for each county are listed in the Locality Search of the Family History Library Catalog under OHIO, [COUNTY] - LAND AND PROPERTY.

The Family History Library has on compact disc:

United States. Department of the Interior. Bureau of Land Management. *Ohio Cash and Homestead Entries, Cadastral Survey Plats*. Version 7.3. Springfield, Va.: BLM Eastern States, 1994. (FHL compact disc no. 40; computer number 785092. Not available at Family History Centers.) These records are patents issued by the federal government. Researchers can search for information about land titles through any one of six categories; land description, patentee name, patent authority, land office, certificate number, or county.

MAPS

The Family History Library has maps dating from the Revolutionary War era and the earliest land subdivisions to present-day county highway maps. These include historical atlases, mostly published in the 1870s, from 60 counties.

Several guides to the history of Ohio's counties and boundary changes have also been published. They include:

Long, John H., ed. *Historical Atlas and Chronology of County Boundaries, 1788-1980*. Scale: 1:633,600. *Illinois, Indiana, Ohio*. Boston, Mass.: G.K. Hall, 1984. (FHL 973 E7hL v. 2; fiche 6051427 [set of 6].) It offers an excellent collection of state maps, showing when and where each county changed boundaries.

Phillips, Louis W. *Jurisdictional Histories for Ohio's Eighty-Eight Counties, 1788-1985*. Bowie, Md.: Heritage Books, c.1986. (FHL book 977.1 E3p.) It is a valuable guide to Ohio's counties in jurisdictional histories.

The best collections of Ohio maps are at the Ohio Historical Society, Kent State University, and other large university and public libraries.

The following books may also aid your research:

Brown, Lloyd Arnold. *Early Maps of the Ohio Valley*. Pittsburgh: University of Pittsburgh Press, 1959. (FHL book 973 E3b.) This covers the era 1673 to 1783.

Walling, H.F. *Atlas of the State of Ohio from Surveys*. 1868. Reprint, Knightstown, Ind.: Bookmark, 1976. (FHL book Q 977.1 E7w; film 982071 item 9.) This includes city ward maps.

The Family History Library has:

Ward Maps of United States Cities. Washington, D.C.: Library of Congress, [1975?]. (FHL film 1377700; FHL fiche 6016620-6016629 for Cincinnati, 1831-1896; FHL fiche 6016630-6016636 for Cleveland, 1852-1899; FHL fiche 6016637-6016641 for Columbus, 1856-1894.)

Landowner maps are especially valuable. These maps show the lands of a county, with the names of the owners written on them. Most of these maps date between 1860 to 1900. A checklist of 19th-century United States county maps in the Library of Congress is:

Stephenson, Richard W., comp. *Land Ownership Maps*. Washington, D.C.: Library of Congress, 1967. (FHL book 973 A3Loc; FHL fiche 6048262.) This checklist records 1,449 United States county land ownership maps, 69 of which are Ohio counties.

Maps are listed in the Locality Search of the Family History Library Catalog under:

OHIO - MAPS

OHIO, [COUNTY] - MAPS

OHIO, [COUNTY], [CITY] - MAPS

MILITARY RECORDS

The *U.S. Military Records Research Outline* (34118) and the "Military Records" section of the *United States Research Outline* (30972) provide more information on federal military records and search strategies.

Revolutionary War (1775-1783)

Although Ohio did not exist as a state during the time of the Revolutionary War, a man born between 1730 and 1765 who lived in Ohio later may have been granted Ohio land for his service for another state or for the Continental Army. For patriot records of the Revolutionary War, see:

White, Virgil D. *Genealogical Abstracts of the Revolutionary War Pension Files*. 4 vols. Waynesboro, Tenn.: National Historical Publishing, 1990. (FHL book 973 M28g.) May give a veteran's name, age, birth date, marriage date, residence, names of relatives, unit, and service dates and places.

To view all the papers in a person's pension files, see:

United States. Veterans Administration. *Revolutionary War Pension and Bounty-Land-Warrant Application Files*. Washington, D.C.: National Archives, 1969. (FHL film 970001, first of 2670 reels.)

If you prefer to order a copy of the original records from the National Archives, use NATF Form 80. This form is available from the National Archives or at the nearest federal office building.

United States. General Land Office. *U.S. Revolutionary War Bounty Land Warrants Used in the U.S. Military District of Ohio and Related Papers, Acts of 1788, 1803, 1806*. Washington, D.C.: National Archives, 1971. (On 16 FHL films beginning with 1025141.)

Rosters have been published for soldiers who lived in Ohio or who are buried there, such as:

Official Roster of the Soldiers of the American Revolution Buried in the State of Ohio. 3 vols. Columbus, Ohio: F.J. Heer Printing, 1929-59. (FHL book 977.1 M23ad; films 385013 and 928143 items 7-8; fiche 6046713).

Dailey, Mrs. Orville D. *The Official Roster of the Soldiers of the American Revolution Who Lived in the State of Ohio: Vol. 2, A-Z*. Columbus, Ohio: State Society DAR, State of Ohio, 1938?. (FHL film 195451.)

Daughters of the American Revolution of the State of Ohio, comp. *Official Roster III, Soldiers of the American Revolution Who Lived in the State of Ohio*. Painesville, Ohio: Painesville Publishing, 1959. (FHL book 977.1 M2of; film 213051.)

War of 1812 (1812-1815)

Microfilmed and published rosters are available at the Family History Library. These include:

Roster of Ohio Soldiers in the War of 1812. 1916. Reprint, Baltimore, Md.: Genealogical Publishing, 1968. (FHL book 977.1 M2r 1968; index, published list, and originals on films 195485-87; fiche 6104621 and 6051388.)

Deifenbach, Josephine Conrad Zartman, comp. *Index to the Grave Records of Soldiers of the War of 1812 Buried in Ohio*. Salt Lake City, Utah: Genealogical Society of Utah, 1992. (FHL book 977.1 V22d; fiche 6100370.)

Mexican War (1846-1848)

For published rosters of Ohio soldiers who served in the Mexican War, see:

Official Roster of the Soldiers of the State of Ohio in the War with Mexico, 1846-1848. Mansfield, Ohio: Ohio Genealogical Society, 1991. Reprint of 1897 publication. (FHL book 977.1 M2or.)

Official Roster of the State of Ohio in the War of the Rebellion, 1861-1866, and in the War with Mexico, 1846-1848. Vol. 12. Akron, Ohio: Werner, 1886-1895. (FHL book 977.1 M2o vol. 12; film 924022; fiche 6051200; index on film 195488.)

Index to Mexican War (1846) Records at the Ohio State Archives. Salt Lake City, Utah: Genealogical Society of Utah, 1959. (FHL film 223771.) Consists of microfilm of a card file at the Ohio State Archives which gives the name of each soldier's military unit.

Ryan, Daniel J. "Ohio in the Mexican War." *Ohio Archaeological and Historical Society Publications*. 1912, Vol. 21, pages 277-295. Includes a section that tells when and where a company was raised and lists many of the officers in those companies.

Civil War (1861-1865)

The index to the federal service records of Union volunteers from Ohio is:

United States. Adjutant General's Office. *Index to Compiled Service Records of Volunteer Union Soldiers Who Served in Organizations from the State of Ohio*. Washington, D.C.: National Archives, 1965. (On 122 FHL films beginning with 882214.)

The index to the Union pension records for all states is:

United States. Veterans Administration. *Pension Index File, Alphabetical*. Washington, D.C.: Veterans Administration, Publications Service, 1953. (On 544 FHL films beginning with 540757.)

The actual service and pension records are available only at the National Archives. To order a copy of the original records, use NATF Form 80, which is available from the National Archives or at any federal office building.

Names and residences of persons receiving federal pensions in 1883 can be found in:

Phillips, W. Louis. *Index to Ohio Pensioners of 1883*. Bowie, Md.: Heritage Books, 1987. (FHL book 977.1 M2ph; fiche 6087608.) This includes veterans of the Civil War and the War of 1812 or their widows.

Records of Civil War soldiers were also kept by county and state officials. These include:

Ohio. Adjutant General's Office. *Official Roster of the Soldiers of the State of Ohio in the War of the Rebellion: Original Muster In & Muster Out Rolls of Ohio Military Organization in the Civil War, 1-3 Year Enlistments, 1861-1866*. Salt Lake City, Genealogical Society of Utah, 1959-1960. (On 365 FHL films beginning with 212908.) Rosters are arranged by name of regiment and give enlistment and service information about each soldier.

Ohio. Adjutant General's Office. *Official Roster of the Soldiers of the State of Ohio in the War of the Rebellion: Muster In & Muster Out Rolls of Ohio Military Organization in the Civil War, 1861-1866, 3-Month Enlistments*. Salt Lake City: Genealogical Society of Utah, 1959-1960. (On 9 FHL films beginning with 213031.) Arranged by regiment.

Ohio. Adjutant General's Office. *Official Roster of the Colored Troops of the State of Ohio in the War of the Rebellion: Original Muster In and Muster Out Rolls of the Civil War, 1-3 Year Enlistments, 1861-1866*. Salt Lake City, Utah: Genealogical Society of Utah, 1962. (On 6 FHL films beginning with 285025.)

Official Roster of the Soldiers of the State of Ohio in the War of the Rebellion, 1861-1866. Salt Lake City, Utah: Genealogical Society of Utah, 1959. (On 17 FHL films beginning with 195467.) The files were compiled by the Works Progress Administration in 1938.

A published roster with rolls of honor is also available in:

Official Roster of the Soldiers of the State of Ohio in the War of the Rebellion, 1861-1866. 12 vols. Akron, [Ohio]: Werner, 1886-1895. (FHL book 977.1 M2o; film 924017-22; fiche 6051200; index on films 195467-71.)

Biographical sketches of officers are in:

Reid, Whitelaw. *Ohio in the War: Her Statesman, Her Generals, and Soldiers*. 2 vols. New York: Moore, Wiltach & Baldwin, 1868. (FHL book 977.1 H2re; fiche 6051205.)

For records of national old soldier homes, including the one in Dayton, Ohio, which served Ohio and nearby states, see:

United States. Veterans Administration. *Registers of Veterans at National Homes for Disabled Volunteer Soldiers, 1866-1937*. Salt Lake City: Genealogical Society of Utah, 1988. (On 282 FHL films [55 films beginning with 1547608, for the Dayton, Ohio home].) Includes general indexes for each of the 12 homes, but some individual volumes are indexed separately. These may list a soldier's name, date and place of enlistment, rank, military unit, length of service, date and place of discharge, place of birth, age, physical description, religion, occupation, previous residence, marital status, nearest relative, pension, home admission and discharge dates, disability, death date, or cause of death. Though most were Civil War soldiers, veterans of other wars were included.

For the state soldiers' home in Sandusky, see:

Ohio Veterans Home (Sandusky, Ohio). *Veterans Home Records, 1889-1995*. Bowling Green, Ohio: Center for Archival Collection, Bowling Green State Univ., 1995. (On 6 FHL films beginning with 2026851.)

A quarterly publication devoted exclusively to Ohio and Ohioans in the Civil War is:

Ohio Civil War Genealogy Journal. Mansfield, OH: Ohio Genealogical Society, 1997. (FHL book 977.1 M25oc.)

Spanish-American War (1898)

Muster-in and muster-out rolls are on 31 microfilms at the Family History Library. Published statewide rosters are:

The Official Roster of Ohio Soldiers in the War with Spain, 1898-1899. Columbus, Ohio: Edward T. Miller, 1916. (FHL film 195489.)

Broglin, Jana Sloan. *Index to Official Roster of Ohio Soldiers in the War with Spain, 1898-1899*. Mansfield, Ohio: Ohio Genealogical Society, 1989. (FHL book 977.1 M22b.)

Official Roster of the Soldiers of the State of Ohio. Muster In and Muster Out Rolls in the Spanish American War: . . . Salt Lake City, Utah: Genealogical Society of Utah, 1959, 1962. (On 31 FHL films beginning with 223766.)

By 1890, about 40 percent of the Civil War veterans were members of the Grand Army of the Republic (GAR). The descriptive books of each GAR post usually indicate each member's name, age, rank, birthplace, residence, occupation, and enlistment and discharge information. Records of GAR posts and of other veteran organizations may be found in various libraries and archives throughout Ohio.

World War I (1917-1918)

World War I draft registration cards for men ages 18 to 45 may list each registrant's address, birth date, birthplace, race, nationality, citizenship, and next of kin. Not all registrants served in the war. For Ohio's cards, see:

United States, Selective Service System. *Ohio, World War I Selective Service System Draft Registration Cards, 1917-1918*. Washington, D.C.: National Archives, 1987-1988. (On 239 FHL films beginning with 1819504.)

To find an individual's draft card, it helps to know his name and residence at the time of registration. The cards are arranged by county and by draft boards within the county. Individuals are listed alphabetically within each draft board.

Most counties had only one board; large cities had more. Finding an ancestor's street address in a city directory will help you determine the board number if he lived in a large city. Special maps of Cleveland and Cincinnati have been prepared, to show the draft board registration district boundaries. The cities are listed in alphabetical order by name of the city. For a copy of this map, see:

United States. Selective Service System. *List of World War One Draft Board Maps*. Washington, D.C.: National Archives. (FHL film 1498803.)

Service cards for Navy (8 films), Marine Corps (3 films), out-of-state (4 films), and regular service (76 films) are on films at the Family History Library. The cards containing the names and information on over 200,000 soldiers have also been published in:

Ohio Adjutant General's Office. *The Official Roster of Ohio Soldiers, Sailors, and Marines in the World War, 1917-1918*. 22 vols. Columbus, Ohio: F.J. Heer Printing, 1926-29. (FHL films 195413-35.)

Ohio. Adjutant General's Office. *World War I - Service Cards of the State of Ohio*. Salt Lake City, Utah: Genealogical Society of Utah, 1959. (FHL films 195337-412.)

Service records for World War I and later wars are at the Adjutant General's Office (State House, Columbus, OH 43215).

World War II (1941-1945)

Lists of dead and missing soldiers who served during World War II, arranged alphabetically by county, is:

United States. War Department. *World War II Honor List of Dead and Missing - State of Ohio, June 1946*. Salt Lake City, Utah: Genealogical Society of Utah, 1960. (FHL film 213049.)

Additional Records

Ohio. Adjutant General's Office. *Grave Registrations of Soldiers Buried in Ohio*. Salt Lake City, Utah: Genealogical Society of Utah, 1958. (FHL films 182702-93.) A concerted effort has been made to locate the Ohio gravesites of veterans from all pre-1945 wars. Cards are arranged alphabetically.

Ohio. Adjutant General's Office. *Roster of Soldiers of the Ohio National Guard, 1874-1917*. Salt Lake City, Utah: Genealogical Society of Utah, 1959. (FHL films 195453-66.)

Hughes, Edward Wakefield. *The History of the Ohio Soldiers' and Sailors' Orphans' Home at Xenia, Ohio*. Ohio: Association of Ex-Pupils, 196? (FHL book 977.174/X1 J3h.) This does not include the records.

Military service records are also found in the office of each county auditor and county recorder. The Family History Library has microfilms of discharge papers, dating from the Civil War to 1920 (some to 1970), for about half the counties in Ohio.

Information about prominent Ohio veterans and major military actions is in:

Two Hundred Years: The Military History of Ohio. New York: H.H. Hardesty, 1886-7. (FHL book Q 977.1 M25ha or Q 977.1 M2m; film 874293.)

Many more useful sources are listed in the Family History Library Catalog under:

OHIO - MILITARY RECORDS
OHIO - MILITARY RECORDS - [WAR]
OHIO - MILITARY HISTORY
OHIO - MILITARY HISTORY - [WAR]
OHIO, [COUNTY] - MILITARY RECORDS

MINORITIES

Several records of the Irish, Germans, Blacks, Norwegians, Welsh, Russians and other groups are available at the Family History Library. For example:

Ohio. Auditor of State. *Special Enumeration of Blacks Immigrating to Ohio, 1861-1863*. Columbus, Ohio: Ohio Historical Society, 198-. (FHL film 1688779.) Contains indexes by immigrants' names, previous residences, counties in which the lived, and questionable names. It also includes original returns by county.

Smith, Clifford Neal. *Early Nineteenth-Century German Settlers in Ohio (Mainly Cincinnati and Environs), Kentucky, and Other States*. McNeal, Ariz.: Westland Publications, 1984. (FHL book 973 W2smn no. 20.) Indexes and abstracts membership records, obituaries, and articles published in *Der Deutsche Pioniere* . . . , a monthly magazine published by the Deutsche Pionierverein (Union of German Pioneers).

Tolmann, Don Heinrich. *Ohio Valley German Biographical Index*. Bowie, Md.: Heritage Books, 1992. (FHL book 977.1 D42t.) Includes information on individuals from Ohio, Indiana, and Kentucky.

Other records and histories of ethnic, racial, and religious groups in Ohio are listed in the Locality Search of the Family History Library Catalog under:

OHIO - MINORITIES
OHIO - EMIGRATION AND IMMIGRATION

Also see the "Minorities" section of the *United States Research Outline* (30972).

The Ohio Historical Society, the Western Reserve Historical Society, and many university libraries maintain collections of records for ethnic, racial, and religious groups in Ohio. See the "Archives and Libraries" section of this outline for addresses.

NATIVE RACES

Some helpful books are:

McConnell, Michael Norman. *A Country Between: the Upper Ohio Valley and Its Peoples, 1724-1774*. Lincoln: University of Nebraska Press, 1992. (FHL book 977.1 F3m.) A comprehensive history of Native Americans in the states of Ohio, Kentucky, and Pennsylvania.

Moorehead, Warren King. *The Indian Tribes of Ohio Historically Considered: a Preliminary Paper*. New York: AMS Press, 1983. (FHL book 970.471 M787i.) A reprint of a study done in 1899 by the Ohio Archaeological and Historical Publications.

Prevost, Toni Jollay. *The Delaware and Shawnee Admitted to Cherokee Citizenship and the Related Wyandotte and Moravian Delaware*. Bowie, Md.: Heritage Books, 1993. (FHL book 970.1 P929d.)

Tregillis, Helen Cox. *The Native Tribes of Old Ohio*. Bowie, Md.: Heritage Books, 1993. (FHL book 970.471 T716n.)

Watson, Larry S., ed. *Senate Document No. 512, 23rd Congress, 1st Session*. 5 vols. Laguna Hills, Calif: Histree, 1988. (FHL book 970.1 W335s.) Documents and correspondence concerning the removal of Native Americans to Oklahoma from various states, including Ohio.

Several more sources are listed in the Locality Search of the Family History Library Catalog under:

OHIO - NATIVE RACES

NATURALIZATION AND CITIZENSHIP

Naturalization records have been filed in the U.S. District and Circuit Courts and in the local courts in Ohio counties, especially in the courts of common pleas and the probate courts (after 1851). No centralized files exist before 1906.

Various types of records were created by the courts, including declarations, petitions, alien dockets, and military petitions for naturalization. Each record in the naturalization process may give different details about the person's travels, such as the date and port of arrival or the name of the ship. Not all counties recorded the same information.

For a statewide list of Ohio naturalization records, see:

Schaefer, Christina K. *Guide to Naturalization Records in the United States*. Baltimore, Md.: Genealogical Publishing, 1997. (FHL book 973 P4s.)

For each county, this book describes the court; the years the records exist; where the originals are housed; and the FHL film numbers, if they have been microfilmed. Pages 259 to 273 cover Ohio. The introduction discusses the naturalization process, the types of records created, and the usual genealogical content of each record.

An index to the records for the court at Cincinnati is:

United States. District Court (Ohio: Southern District). *Naturalization Index, 1852-1991*. Salt Lake City, Utah: Genealogical Society of Utah, 1992. (On 16 FHL films beginning with 1819410.) There are three indexes in this set: 1852 to 1892; 1906 to 1986; and 1917 to 1991. The original records are at the U.S. District Court, Cincinnati.

The Family History Library also has the U.S. District Court records which have been microfilmed for the Ohio Southern District Courts held at Dayton and Columbus. Mostly for the period 1916 to 1931, the records include petitions, declarations of intention, and military petitions for naturalization. They are listed in the Locality Search of the Family History Library Catalog under OHIO - NATURALIZATION AND CITIZENSHIP.

The National Archives—Great Lakes Region has many naturalization records that have not been microfilmed. These include:

U.S. District Court, Ohio Northern District, Eastern Division, Cleveland. *Naturalizations, 1855-1943*.

U.S. District Court, Ohio Southern District, Eastern Division, Columbus. *Naturalizations, 1916-51*.

U.S. District Court, Ohio Southern District, Western Division, Dayton. *Naturalizations, 1906-30*.

Available on microfilm, but not at the Family History Library, is:

U.S. Circuit Court, Ohio Southern District, Western Division. *Naturalization Records, 1852-1905*.

For naturalization records after September 1906, contact the National Archives—Great Lakes Region. After 1917, records may also be found at the U.S. District Courts in Dayton, Columbus, Cincinnati, and Cleveland or in the nearest office of the Immigration and Naturalization Service. See the *United States Research Outline* (30972) for more information about records after 1906.

The Ohio Historical Society in Columbus includes a listing of their holdings of naturalization records on their Internet site, which is mentioned in the "Archives and Libraries" section of this outline.

The Family History Library has microfilms of naturalization applications from most counties, generally covering the years 1850 to about 1906 or later. These are listed in the Locality Search of the

Family History Library Catalog under OHIO, [COUNTY] - NATURALIZATION AND CITIZENSHIP. Records of larger cities may also be found under OHIO, [COUNTY], [TOWN] - NATURALIZATION AND CITIZENSHIP.

NEWSPAPERS AND OBITUARIES

Newspapers provide valuable genealogical information, including obituaries, marriage announcements, biographical sketches, divorce notices, and so forth. Other personal information may be included in various sections of a newspaper. There are many English and foreign-language newspapers from the early days of Ohio. Although these publications were often related to political or religious causes, they contain valuable genealogical information.

The Ohio Historical Society has a centralized collection of newspapers gathered by the Ohio State Library, Ohio State University Library, the Historical Records Survey, and other institutions. Detailed guides that will help you locate these publications are:

Green, Karen Mauer. *Pioneer Ohio Newspapers, 1793-1810*. Galveston, Texas: The Frontier Press, 1986. (FHL book 977.1 B38g.) Contains genealogical and historical abstracts from various newspapers.

Green, Karen Mauer. *Pioneer Ohio Newspapers, 1802-1818: Genealogical and Historical Abstracts*. Galveston, Texas: The Frontier Press, 1988. Contains abstracts of items mentioning local persons from several state newspapers.

Gutgesell, Stephen, ed. *Guide to Ohio Newspapers, 1793-1973*. Columbus: Ohio Historical Society, 1974. (FHL book 977.1 A3g; fiche 6049903.) This is a complete bibliography of all extant newspapers published in Ohio.

Levinson, Marilyn, ed. *Guide to Newspaper Holdings at the Center for Archival Collections*. 3rd ed. Bowling Green, Ohio: Center for Archival Collections, Bowling Green State University, 1991. (FHL book 977.1 B33g 1991.) Contains an inventory of the newspapers at the Bowling Green State University, which come from 19 northwest Ohio counties.

Many periodicals publish obituary records. These are referenced in the PERiodical Source Index (PERSI), which is described in the "Periodicals" section of this outline.

The Family History Library acquires published newspaper abstracts and obituary lists for Ohio. Obituary records are also listed in the Locality Search of the Family History Library Catalog under:

OHIO - OBITUARIES
OHIO - NEWSPAPERS

OHIO, [COUNTY] - OBITUARIES
OHIO, [COUNTY] - NEWSPAPERS

PERIODICALS

Most family history periodicals reprint copies of local sources of genealogical value. These may include genealogies; information about local records and archives; queries; census indexes; and transcripts of family Bibles, biographies, church records, court records, guardianships, naturalizations, deed abstracts, vital records, cemetery records, land records, military records, tax lists, mortality schedules, obituaries, and wills.

The major genealogical periodicals that are helpful for research in Ohio are:

Gateway to the West. Greenville, Ohio: Anita Short, Ruth Bowers, 1967-1978. 11 vols. (FHL book 977.1 B2gw.) A 1989 edition that selected principal articles from the original is:

Bowers, Ruth, and Anita Short, comp. *Gateway to the West*. Baltimore, Md.: Genealogical Publishing, 1989. 2 vols. (FHL book 977.1 D25g 1989.)

Ohio, the Cross Road of Our Nation. (Also known as *Ohio Records and Pioneer Families*.) Akron: Esther Weygandt Powell, 1960-. (FHL book 977.1 B2o; vols. 1-5 are also on films 873936 or 974051; vols. 6-9 are on films 873937 or 974052.)

The Report. Mansfield, Ohio: Ohio Genealogical Society, 1960-. (FHL book 977.1 B2r; vols. 1-8 on fiche 590280.)

The Firelands Pioneer. 13 Vol. Norwalk, Ohio: The Firelands Historical Society, 1858-1878. (FHL book 977.1 B2f; film 1320962 items 1-13.)

The periodical was continued by:

The Firelands Pioneer, New Series. 25 Vol. Norwalk, Ohio: Firelands Historical Society, 1882-1937. (FHL book 977.1 B2f new ser.; film 1320968 vols. 1-4, 6-12, 14-16; film 1321376 item 5 vol. 13; film 1320969 items 1-4 vols. 17-18, 20-21; film 1320984 items 2-5 vols. 22-25.)

It is then continued by:

The Firelands Pioneer, Third Series. Norwalk, Ohio: Firelands Historical Society, 1980-. (FHL book 977.1 B2f 3rd ser.; film 1035999 item 3 vol. 1.) This series includes cumulative (1858-1937, FHL film 1320941 item 1) and obituary indexes (1857-1909, FHL fiche 6088685). This periodical is invaluable for north central counties in Ohio.

A list and index of Ohio genealogical periodicals is:

Bell, Carol Willsey. *Ohio Genealogical Periodical Index: A County Guide*. Youngstown, Ohio: Bell Books, 1987; 6th ed. (FHL book 977.1 B22o 1987.)

Indexes. Most of the periodicals listed above have annual indexes in the final issue for the year. For nationwide indexes to some of these and other family history periodicals, see the "Periodicals" section of the *United States Research Outline* (30972). Also see:

PERiodical Source Index (PERSI). Ft. Wayne, Ind.: Allen County Public Library Foundation, 1987-. (FHL book 973 D25per; fiche 6016863 [set of 40] (1847-1985); fiche 6016864 [set of 15] (1986-1990)). Refers to items published in thousands of English-language and French-Canadian family history periodicals. Annual indexes have been published yearly since 1986. For further details, see the *PERiodical Source Index Resource Guide* (34119).

A compact disc version that includes all PERSI volumes published through 1996 is:

PERSI Periodical Source Index. Orem, Utah: Ancestry, Inc., and Allen County Public Library Foundation, 1997. (FHL compact disc 1313 no. 61.)

For more family history periodicals, study the Locality Search of the Family History Library Catalog under:

OHIO - PERIODICALS
OHIO - GENEALOGY - PERIODICALS
OHIO - SOCIETIES - PERIODICALS
OHIO, [COUNTY] - PERIODICALS
OHIO, [COUNTY] - GENEALOGY - PERIODICALS
OHIO, [COUNTY] - SOCIETIES - PERIODICALS

PROBATE RECORDS

Probate records were kept in all counties from the time of each county's creation. Until the establishment of separate probate courts in 1852, these records were kept in the courts of common pleas. All of these records are valuable for determining names of family members, relationships, residences, dates of deaths, and other genealogical information. Genealogists will find more information by locating the estate file, sometimes known as the case file, probate packet, or loose papers, instead of looking only for a will. These files include wills, settlement papers, inventories, receipts, and other records pertaining to the estates.

Some probate records were recorded in books which may have carried many titles such as accounts, administrations, appraisals, minutes, estates,

guardianships, inventories, settlements, and so forth. The books carry references to the estate files so that they can be found in the boxes or cabinets where they are filed at the courthouse. You can obtain copies of these records by writing to the clerk of the appropriate county.

Most Ohio probate records are well indexed and are on microfilm or in published format at the Family History Library. The files date from the creation of each county to at least 1900 and sometimes to the 1970s.

An excellent statewide index to the names found in the earliest files is:

Bell, Carol Willsey. *Ohio Wills and Estates to 1850: An Index*. Columbus, Ohio: C.W. Bell, 1981. (FHL book 977.1 P22b; film 1035679 item 5; fiche 6051289.)

Probate records are listed in the Locality Search of the Family History Library Catalog under OHIO, [COUNTY] - PROBATE RECORDS.

SOCIETIES

Some societies generate unpublished indexes of local records, genealogies, cemetery transcriptions and other records. Some may publish lists of members, yearbooks, ancestor lists, or surname indexes which may be listed in the Locality Search of the Family History Library Catalog under:

OHIO, [COUNTY] - SOCIETIES
OHIO, [COUNTY] - GENEALOGY

For Ohio genealogical and historical societies which have records and services to help you with your research, see the "Archives and Libraries," "Church Records," and "Periodicals" sections of this outline. Many counties also have local historical and genealogical societies. You can find local society addresses by using directories cited in the "Societies" section of the *United States Research Outline* (30972).

TAXATION

Ohio tax records can help you trace families moving through Ohio during the early years when Ohio was a crossroads of the Old Northwest. These records complement land records and can be used in place of censuses before 1820 or to supplement the years between censuses.

Real property tax lists contain the owner's name, the location (section/range/township) of the property, the number of acres owned, and the types of buildings on the land. Land purchased from the federal government was not taxable for five years. As a

result, many persons living in the Congress Lands (see the "Land and Property" section of this outline) will not appear on tax lists until the year their land became taxable.

Because only persons who owned taxable property were listed, many residents were not included in tax lists. There may also be gaps of several years in the tax records of some counties.

Tax records continue to the present-day and are at county courthouses. Tax duplicates are at the Ohio Historical Society.

The Family History Library has microfilms for existing tax records for Ohio before 1838. Tax records from 1801 to 1814 are listed in the Locality Search of the Family History Library Catalog under OHIO - TAXATION. Existing county tax records from 1816 to 1838 are listed under OHIO, [County] - TAXATION.

There are also several published statewide indexes, such as those for 1800 to 1810, 1804, 1810, 1812, 1825, and 1835. These are listed in the Locality Search of the Family History Library Catalog under OHIO - TAXATION and OHIO - TAXATION INDEXES.

While these indexes are helpful tools to find ancestors, be aware that some counties may be missing entirely from the indexes.

For an inventory of tax records up to 1969, see:

Tax Records of Ohio Counties: A Register of Contents of the Collection Microfilmed at the Ohio Historical Society Library in 1968. Salt Lake City: Genealogical Society of Utah, 1969. (FHL film 599499 item 9.)

VITAL RECORDS

Birth and Death Records

County-level registrations of births and deaths began in 1867 and were kept by the probate court; however, they are incomplete. A few counties have records dating from the 1840s. These records include the names of the parents and their place of residence. The obligatory recording on a state level of births and deaths in Ohio began 20 December 1908. These records are in the county or city health departments. The state-level birth records usually contain a child's name, place and date of birth, sex, race, name and birthplace of father, and maiden name and birthplace of mother. The state-level death records usually include a child's name, place and date of death, sex, age at death, marital state, place of birth, parents, occupation, cause of death, and last residence.

The Family History Library has microfilms of the vital records of many counties to at least 1908 and

some counties to the 1970s. These are listed in the Locality Search of the Family History Library Catalog under OHIO, [COUNTY] - VITAL RECORDS. Vital records at the state level are listed under OHIO - VITAL RECORDS.

Among other records, the Family History Library has:

Certificates of Death, 1908-1944; Index, 1908-1911. Columbus, Ohio: Ohio Historical Society. Salt Lake City, Utah: Genealogical Society of Utah, 1983, 1994-1995. (On 962 FHL films beginning with 929253.)

Ohio Historical Society, comp. *Death Index, 1908-1944.* Salt Lake City, Utah: Genealogical Society of Utah, 1983, 1992, 1995. (On 21 FHL films beginning with 2023798.)

Delayed and corrected registrations of births are also available for many counties at the Family History Library. Another source for vital statistics is the large collection of family Bible and cemetery records compiled by the Daughters of the American Revolution (see the "Genealogy" section of this outline).

The Ohio Department of Health in Columbus has birth records since 20 December 1908 and death records for Ohio residents who died between January 1945 to the present. To obtain copies of these records, write to:

Division of Vital Statistics
Ohio Department of Health
P. O. Box 15098
Columbus, OH 43215-0098
Telephone: 614-466-2531

Birth and death records prior to 20 December 1908 are available from the probate court of the county where the event occurred.

Deaths that occurred between 20 December 1908 and December 1944 are available at the Ohio Historical Society in Columbus.

The current fees for obtaining copies of the state's records are listed in:

Where to Write for Vital Records: Births, Deaths, Marriages, and Divorces. Hyattsville, Md.: U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, March 1993. Copies of this booklet are at the Family History Library and many Family History Centers. You may also write to the Division of Vital Statistics (address above) for current information.

Marriage and Divorce Records

The statewide registration of marriages began 7 September 1949. Records after that date can be obtained from the Division of Vital Statistics. The original marriage records, however, are filed with the

probate judge in each county. A statewide index to marriages since 1949 is at the Division of Vital Statistics (address above).

Before statewide registration, individual counties recorded marriages, generally from the date the county was created. These include marriage records, marriage returns, marriage consents of minors by parents, and ministers' license records. Marriage records are considered one of Ohio's most valuable genealogical sources because of their early beginnings and completeness. Marriage records show the names of the bride and groom, the date of the marriage, the county in which the marriage occurred, and the officiating individual. Sometimes there is information about the ages and residences of the bride and groom. Parents are not usually named in records dated before 1900. Each county maintains a marriage index.

For each county in Ohio, the Family History Library has microfilmed the marriage records up to 1910 and some to 1970. Many existing county records of marriages before 1876 have been indexed in the *International Genealogical Index*, available at the Family History Library and at Family History Centers. However, since 25 counties have large information gaps or are not included in this index.

Many early marriage records are published in:

Smith, Marjorie, ed. *Ohio Marriages Extracted from the Old Northwest Genealogical Quarterly*. Thomson, Ill.: Heritage House, 1977-80. (FHL book 977.1 V25s; film 928183 item 3; fiche 6051390.)

For the southwestern region of the state, the Hamilton County, Ohio, marriage records often include the names of couples who lived in the Ohio, Indiana, and Kentucky Counties along the Ohio River. A published marriage index for 1817 to 1840 is available at the Family History Library in:

Hughes, Lois E. *Hamilton County, Ohio, Marriage Index*. Bowie, Md.: Heritage Book, c. 1994. (FHL book 977.177 V22h.)

The marriages of those living in the northeastern area of Ohio may be found in:

Caccamo, James F. *Marriage Notices from the Ohio Observer Series, 1827-1855*. Apollo, Pa.: Closson Press, 1994. (FHL book 977.1 V2c.)

The Family History Library has a number of compact discs with vital records information from many states in the Automated Resource Center (ARC). For Ohio, the following may be helpful:

Marriage Records. CD/Automated Archives, nos. 2-5. Orem, Utah: Automated Archives, 1994. (FHL compact disc no. 9, pt. 2-5; disc does not circulate to Family History Centers.) This file was acquired from the "Hunting for Bears" collection. Marriage information for Ohio is listed in part two. At the

beginning of the list, unknown county records are given. (The introduction to this file gives information regarding the dates listed and the extraction methods used. It is not a complete index of all Ohio marriage records.)

Marriage Index. Family Tree Maker's Family Archives, no. 400. Orem, Utah: Brøderbund, 1996. (FHL compact disc no. 9, pt. 400; disc does not circulate to Family History Centers.) The Ohio marriage data was acquired from Liahona, Inc. This CD uses the Soundex code for quick access to surnames and gives references to the FHL film number for each entry. The CD lists marriages by county and gives the dates covered.

Divorce proceedings were usually recorded by the state supreme court before 1852, but petitions were filed in the county court. Since then all records have been kept in the court of common pleas in each county. Records of divorce granted before 7 September 1949 may be recorded in the County Clerk of Courts Office of the county where the divorce was granted. Divorce records since 7 September 1949 are recorded at the Ohio Department of Health in Columbus. Certified copies of divorce records after 1949 are not available from the Ohio Department of Health. Certified copies of earlier divorce records may be available from the Court of Common Pleas where the divorce was granted. The Family History Library has few of these files. One significant publication is:

Bell, Carol Willsey. *Ohio Divorces: The Early Years*. Boardman, Ohio: Bell Books, 1994. (FHL book 977.1 V2b.)

Birth, marriage, and death records are listed in the Family History Library Locality Search under:

OHIO - VITAL RECORDS
OHIO, [COUNTY] - VITAL RECORDS
OHIO, [COUNTY], [CITY] - VITAL RECORDS

Divorce records are listed in the Family History Library Locality Search under:

OHIO - DIVORCE RECORDS
OHIO, [COUNTY] - DIVORCE RECORDS

FOR FURTHER READING

More detailed information about research and records in Ohio can be found in:

Balhuisen, Anne Ross. *The History of Your Heritage: Ohio*. Centerville, Utah: Advanced Resources, 1993. (FHL book 977.1 A1 No. 542.)

Bell, Carol Willsey. *Ohio Genealogical Guide*. 6th ed. Youngstown, Ohio: C.W. Bell, 1995. (FHL book 977.1 D27b 1995; 1978 ed. on film 1036398 item 8.)

Eichholz, Alice, ed. *Ancestry's Red Book: American State, County, and Town Sources*. Rev. ed. Salt Lake City: Ancestry, 1992. (FHL book 973 D27rb 1992.) Contains bibliographies and background information on history and ethnic groups. Also contains maps and tables showing when each county was created.

Fenley, Ann. *The Ohio Open Records Law and Genealogy: Researching Ohio Public Records*. Dayton, Ohio: Ohio Connection, 1989. (FHL book 977.1 P3f.)

Harter, Stuart. *Ohio Genealogy and Local History Sources Index*. [Ft. Wayne, Ind.: CompuGen Systems, 1986]. (FHL book 977.1 D27h.) List of books published about Ohio.

Mettle, Suzanne Wolfe, and Nova Anderson Weller, comps. *Genealogical Researcher's Manual: With Special References for Using the Ohio Historical Society Library*. Columbus, Ohio: Ohio Genealogical Society, 1981. (FHL book 977.1 D27g.)

Sperry, Kip. *Genealogical Research in Ohio*. Baltimore, Md.: Genealogical Publishing, 1997. (FHL book 977.1 D27sk.)

Ohio Almanac. Lorain, Ohio: Lorain Journal Co., 1968. (FHL book 977.1 B5o.)

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